Appendix 9

Rapid Risk Assessment

The following is intended as a quick risk assessment tool for staff that visits a client in their own home. It can be used to gauge whether the risks are adequately controlled and it is reasonable to continue or whether further action is necessary before proceeding with the visit.

This rapid risk assessment is intended to compliment rather than replace the more comprehensive Lone Working or Personal Safety risk assessment forms. Any assessment can only relate to the specific time, place and circumstances under which it was completed.

If high scores are selected for questions 1, 2 & 3 Lone Working should be avoided and you should contact your line manager to discuss the reasons why such a high level of risk has been identified.

\*Please check Potentially Violent Persons Register (PVPR) DCC intranet

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| Question | Score | Question | Score |
| 1. Is there a known history of hostility, verbal abuse, harassment or violence from the person / family member / local residents? Yes = 3, No = 1 |  | 2. Is the area where the person lives know to be unsafe? (crime, muggings, gangs, poor lighting etc)Yes = 2, No = 1 |  |
| 3. Is the risk that I am about to undertake likely to trigger anger or violence?Yes = 3, No = 1 |  |  |  |
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| 4. Do you know the person and their family you are about to visitYes = 1, No = 3 |  | 5. If no, are you able to obtain information about the person / family from other agencies if required?Not applicable = 1, Yes = 1, No = 3 |  |
| 6. Do your colleagues have a system that tracks your activities and whereabouts, including anticipated return to office / home?Yes = 1, No = 3 |  | 7. Do you have a mobile phone?Yes = 1, No = 3 |  |
| 8. Do you have a personal alarmYes = 2, No = 3 |  | 9. If required, can a colleague accompany you on the visit at short notice?Yes = 1, No = 3 |  |
| 10. Do you have training in de-escalation skills?Yes = 1, No = 3 |  | 11. If the person becomes physically violent, could you breakaway from them?Yes = 1, No = 3, Don’t know = 3 |  |
| TOTAL SCORE |  |
| Score 11 – 17 low riskEnsure existing controls are maintained | Score 18 – 24 medium riskReconsider existing controls | Score 25 + high riskDon’t lone work until score has been reduced |